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The enclosed references were cited in Japanese office action dated October 14, 2003 (copy enclosed). Reference 2 (JP 10-153967) is the same as WO98/2427 and EP 880303 previously of record.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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